various restrictions on the type of aircraft, its seating capacity, fares to be charged have been removed.

(iv) Air charter guidelines have been progressively liberalised. To attract tourist charters even during the lean season, the minimum foreign exchange earning to be guaranteed by the charter company for packages of 7 days has been reduced from 350 dollars per passenger to 300 dollars per passenger during the period April to September.

(v) Policy regarding import of aircraft for scheduled operators has been liberalised.

(vi) Special excise duty and counterveiling duty on the import of aircraft have been abolished.

(vii) A bill has been introduced in the Parliament to restructure Air India and Indian Airlines and to repeal the Air Corporation Act, 1953.

Agitations by employeesc of Indian Airlines

1095. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of different departments of Indian Airlines are constantly agitating for the last six months;

(b) what is the impact of these agitations on the punctuality of the Indian Airlines; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to solve the (problems of agitating workers of the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Em-ployees of some departments in Indian Airlines have been agitating from time to time for realisation of their various demands?

(b) There have bee$_n$ delays/cancellations of flights as a result of these agitations.

(c) The entire question of revision of wages and allowances for emplo-ees of Indian Airlines and Air India for a period of five years from 1-9-90, has been referred to the National Industrial Tribunal. On some of the pending issues, settlement have been made through bilateral negotiations without prejudice to the final award of National Industrial Tribunal, Bilateral talk$_s$ are held to discuss and resolve various issues raised by the unions and management. Unresolved issues, however, necessary are referred to the prescribed authorities for conciliation.

महाराष्ट्र में बौद्ध गुफाओं का विकास

1096. **डा० बापू कालदाते :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सच है कि पर्यटन विकास निगम ने सरकार को महाराष्ट्र के जिला रायगढ़ में "कुडे" स्थान पर स्थित बौद्ध कालीन गुफाओं का एक सर्वेक्षण प्रस्तुत किया है ;

(ख) सरकार इस पर्यटन स्थल का विकास करने के लिए क्या योजनाएं बनाना चाहती है; और

(ग) इस पर्यटन स्थल को भारत के पर्यटन मानचित्र में कब तक सम्मिलित कर लिया जायेगा ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार महाराष्ट्र के कोंकण क्षेत्र के गहन विकास हेतु यात्रा परिपथ का अभिनिर्धारण करने पर विचार कर रही है ।